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Dear Parent/Carer,

Years 9, 10 and 12 Granada and Málaga Trip, 3rd – 7th July 2026

I am pleased to inform you that we are organising a study trip to Andalucía in the south of Spain during the July enrichment days this academic year.

Students on the trip will discover Granada and Málaga where they will be able to: sample Spanish cuisine at local restaurants, including a tapas tour; visit a historical art museum; learn about the Arab history and influence in the Albaicín area and the UNESCO site Alhambra; and enjoy some time on the beach and exploring the city centres. We will be staying at the Hostal Atenas, in the heart of the historic centre of Granada and will attend a language class during the trip to boost students' confidence in using their skills in real life. Students will also have a flamenco dance workshop and a photography treasure hunt. They will visit the cathedral and some local markets in both Granada and Málaga.

The cost of the trip is £1150 but some of this may be refunded after the trip depending on unforeseen costs. This includes coach and flights to and from Gatwick (currently timed as 11.40am departure from Gatwick on Friday 3rd July 2026, 21.40pm arrival back into Gatwick on Tuesday 7th July 2026), use of a coach in Spain, accommodation and breakfast at the hotel, evening meals, insurance and entry to the sights we plan to visit. Students will need to bring additional spending money for lunches and any snacks or drinks they wish to purchase during the trip. It is expected to be hot whilst we are there and they will need to pack accordingly and appropriately. The school has chosen to travel with Diverse School Travel for this visit. The company is completely financially protected by ABTA and ATOL.

We are very mindful of the cost of living crisis but there is still a high demand from many of our families for overseas residential trips. We do understand that this trip is expensive and will not be for everyone and we will ensure that students not going on the trip have a good experience during our summer enrichment days. It is a pleasure to take students away to a foreign country to enable them to try new experiences, a foreign culture and practice their language skills, make new friendships with peers and above all have a wonderful time away making memories. We do hope that the possibility of alternative payment plans will mean that many families will still be able to access this opportunity.

There is a maximum of 48 places available on the trip, and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. **To secure your child's place on the trip, parents/carers should pay an initial deposit of £150 via ParentPay by Monday 13th October.**

There are 6 payment instalments for the trip as follows:



Instalment 1: £150 3rd October 2025
Instalment 2: £200 3rd November 2025
Instalment 3: £200 3rd January 2026
Instalment 4: £200 3rd February 2026
Instalment 5: £200 3rd March 2026
Instalment 6: £200 3rd April 2026

With regret, we are not able to offer any discounts towards the cost of this trip, but we will be very happy to discuss alternative payment plans for families who want their child to take part but cannot meet the deadlines above. Please contact the finance office in confidence to discuss further by emailing finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Parents/carers are reminded that their child will need a passport and a GHIC for this trip. We may need to apply for an ETIAS for your child but this is not confirmed and we will email you to let you know if this is the case. Families whose children sign up for the trip without a passport or waiting for a new passport to be sent do so at their own risk. Families whose child has dual citizenship should be advised that their child will need all passports/identity documents in date and available for the visit. Non-British and non-European Union nationals will need to check entry requirements for Spain. If your child does not have a passport or GHIC, we recommend applying for one at least 4 months in advance of the trip.

School staff must be confident that students joining the trip will be able to always follow staff instructions to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire group. In the event of any serious or ongoing behaviour concerns in advance of the visit the school reserves the right to withdraw a student from the trip and any monies paid would be forfeited. Serious poor or dangerous behaviour during the trip will result in the child not being able to participate further in the trip and parents will be contacted to arrange for the child to be sent home. The child would also not be eligible to participate in further overnight residential trips. The day after the trip returns is a normal school day and pupils will be expected to attend at 8.30am. We recognise trips can be tiring but students who do not attend on this day, without a clear reason, will have their absence coded as unauthorised and they will not be eligible to take part in future visits where there is a late return time.

Please contact me should you have any questions about this visit (g.leach@kingsschoolhove.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gordon Leach
Head of MFL